Asian elephant speaks Korean

Scientists in South Korea have discovered an elephant that can speak in the country's language.

The Korean elephant is called Koshik and she can say five words - "hello", "sit down", "no", "lie down" and "good" - in Korean.

Koshik talks by putting her trunk inside her mouth and then imitating human sounds.

Scientist’s don’t believe she understands what she says. Even so, scientists say it could provide important information about how animals learn to make sounds.

But how did Koshik learn these words? When he was younger he was the only elephant at his zoo and his only contact was with humans.

Scientists think he changed his sounds to try to bond with the humans.

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